

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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MAXWELL KADEL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs. Case No. 1:19-cv-272-LCB-LPA

DALE FOLWELL, in his official  
capacity as State Treasurer of  
North Carolina, et al.,

Defendants.

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Video Deposition of  
STEPHEN B. LEVINE, M.D.

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Tracy Morse, RPR

1 just looked at in December of 2020, which is  
2 not even a full year ago, you testified  
3 differently. So what has changed in nine  
4 months?

5 MR. KNEPPER: Objection, form.

6 A. What has changed in nine months?  
7 In nine months, I've reviewed a lot of the  
8 literature. I've heard the arguments. I've  
9 talked to pediatric endocrinologists. I've  
10 read articles, new articles. I've seen the  
11 lack of follow-up. I've seen the  
12 misinformation that puberty blocking hormones  
13 were entirely reversible, even in the face of  
14 the fact where people making those claims could  
15 not even conceptualize the psychosocial  
16 implications of remaining puerile. So a lot  
17 has changed in nine months. And I don't think  
18 nine months ago I was exactly gung-ho on these  
19 treatments, but I think I'm just a little more  
20 strong today.

21 And I just need to tell you that one of  
22 the great advantages of being a professional is  
23 that one spends one's life learning and  
24 evolving and changing. And the fact that five  
25 years ago or ten years ago, I thought this and

1 today I think this, it may be a problem in the  
2 legal profession, but it's not a problem in the  
3 medical profession. We expect doctor's  
4 concepts to evolve with clinical experience in  
5 advance of science. And we also know that  
6 politics affects a lot of things that happen in  
7 medicine. And certainly the politics has  
8 changed in this field.

9 And what is happening, we've had one  
10 direction of the politics of transgender life  
11 until the last two and half years, three years  
12 and suddenly the politics are changing again.  
13 And they're changing as a result of science,  
14 some of the things you've been -- in these  
15 exhibits, you see. And so we're -- I'm allowed  
16 to, in my view, without being embarrassed, I'm  
17 allowed to have an evolution in my views as  
18 certainly -- you know, if you quote one  
19 sentence here and one sentence here and another  
20 sentence out of context there, it appears that,  
21 oh, my god, I'm inconsistent, but what I am is  
22 in evolution, in developmental, professional  
23 evolution, which is an ideal thing both in a  
24 lawyer and in a physician.

25 Q. All right. Very quickly and then